

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer fire fighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in fire fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO MARSHA SERLIN,
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER,
UNITED SCRAP METAL, INC.

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to an outstanding business person, Ms. Marsha Serlin, president and founder of United Scrap Metal of Cicero, IL, who was recently named "1996 Small Business Subcontractor of the Year" by the U.S. Small Business Administration Midwest Region.

In 1978, Ms. Serlin, a young woman with two small children launched United Scrap Metal with \$200 and a rented truck. At the time, it was the only company of its kind owned by a woman in the United States, but, through Ms. Serlin's hard work, it quickly grew into one of the bigger scrap metal scavenger services in the Chicago area. The company now enjoys annual revenue in excess of \$40 million per year.

According to Mr. Richard Gory of the Andrew Corp., Ms. Serlin's client, who nominated her for this honor: "We have experienced consistent and unparalleled service, attention to detail, and superior bottom-line results from United Scrap Metal. The success of this company is directly attributable to the owner's unique ability to meet the complex needs and requirements of the industry in an extremely efficient and effective manner."

In addition to her entrepreneurial success, Ms. Serlin is a tireless contributor to her community. She is on the board of the United Way/Community Chest, a member of the board of governors of the Chamber of Commerce, an executive board member of the Boy Scouts of America, and serves on the board of directors of Symphony of the Shores, and CARE, Inc.

In addition, Ms. Serlin serves on the board of directors of MRC Polymers, Inc., the Planning Commission Board for Cicero, is a past board member of the Cicero Education Com-

mittee and was a founding member of the Adopt a Homeroom program.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Serlin on receiving this impressive honor, and extend to her my best wishes for continued success in business and in her community.

HONORING MAYOR ED
GOTTHARDT, SEGUIN, TX, ON HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. FRANK TEJEDA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, Ed Gotthardt has served as mayor of the beautiful and historic city of Seguin since 1990. Since much of Seguin is in the congressional district I represent, it has been my privilege to work with mayor Gotthardt since I was first elected to this body in 1993. Before seeking elected office, mayor Gotthardt was a business leader with a long history of dedicated community involvement. Once in office, he led his city with integrity and fairness. Mayor Gotthardt has shown this Nation how a citizen with a distinguished career in business and community service can step forward into elected leadership and achieve further success.

Mayor Gotthardt has an unusually long resume of community involvement. He is past president of the Guadalupe Shrine Club and the H.E.B. retiree organization. He is a member of the Seguin Elks Lodge No. 1229, the Seguin Masonic Lodge #109, Seguin Eastern Star Chapter #555, and the Seguin Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Seguin. He has been married for many years to Rosa Lee Gotthardt, with whom he has enjoyed the company of three children.

Mayor Gotthardt has set an example for the participation of a citizen in this Nation's proudest tradition, one which the people of Seguin hold sacred, our free and democratic political institutions. I wish we had more committed local leaders like Ed Gotthardt. For that reason, I ask that this U.S. House of Representatives formally recognize mayor Gotthardt on the occasion of his retirement from public service.

STUDENTS FROM 15 HIGH SCHOOLS
COMPETE IN "AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY"

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate a group of very talented young men and women from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. I am, of course, referring to the 49 students from 15 high schools in our area who entered the annual congressional arts competition called, "An Artistic Discovery."

Mr. Speaker, we have a long and distinguished history of educational excellence in the 11th Congressional District—which encompasses all of Morris County, and parts of Essex, Somerset, Sussex, and Passaic Coun-

ties. We send more of our graduates to the Nation's military academies than any other congressional district in the country. A young scientist from Morristown recently placed sixth in a nationwide scientific research contest for his impressive work on fusion energy.

And judging from the entries I saw last month, I know that we have some of the best young artists in the country as well. So let me first thank all the students who participated because it is their hard work and effort that makes this contest special.

The high school, followed by student's name and name of art work, follows:

Academy of St. Elizabeth: (1) Clara McAuley, "Passing;" (2) Nicole Pantos, "Harp;" (3) Alice Otchy, "Me in the Middle;" Bayley-Ellard High School: (4) Gail Houston, "Aftermath;" (5) Michelle Mechanic, "Pigments;"

Boonton High School: (6) Nicole Batalias, "Self-Portrait;" (7) Danny Joldzic, "Jungle Cat;" (8) Laura Potucek, "Victoria;" (9) Tim Stettner, "Art Nehf;"

Chatham High School: (10) Will Batten, "Untitled;" (11) Kit Herbert, "Composition With Scissors;" (12) Jim Newton, "Still Life #4;"

Delbarton School: (13) Jon Colleran, "Chronic;" (14) Adam Herbert, "American Icons;" (15) Rory McDermott, "Neptune;" (16) Henry Prendergast, "Time Zone;"

Kinnelon High School: (17) Tiffany Lum, "Nectar Scream;" (18) Alejandra Madriz, "O Holy Duck;" (19) Roland McIntosh, Jr., "Carpenter Was But One Trade;" (20) Katharina Mordhorst, "Dreaming of Red Hair;"

Madison High School: (21) Steve Fleming, "Lanterns;" (22) Pamela Schwartz, "Portrait of a Woman;" (23) Marlene Toledo, "Translucent Hydrant;"

Matheny School: (24) Luis Carmona, "Ski Trails;" (25) Chet Cheesman, "Crossroad;" (26) Hassan Daughety, "Piranha Dance;" (27) Natalia Manning, "Blue & Gold Over Black;" Montville Township High School: (28) Emily Gilbert, "Still Life;" (29) Susan Groome, "Self-Portrait;" (30) Halley Tsai, "Waiting for the Stranger;"

Morris Hills High School: (31) Keith Fitzgerald, "Portal to My Imagination;" (32) Susan Petrarca, "Impressionistic View;" (33) Sharon Robleza, "Blue Dream;" (34) Alan Schenkler, "Sister;"

Morris Knolls High School: (35) Melissa Kurtz, "Metamorphosis;" (36) Kamila Sutah, "Eternity;" (37) Lexington Wilson, "There Is Still Room;" (38) Kara Zaloom, "Gargoyle;" Mount Olive High School: (39) Matt Kernan, "Untitled;" (40) Margaret Przybysz, "Untitled;" (41) Eric Schroeder, "Fruit of Man;" (42) Christopher Weber, "Phreak Explosion;"

Pequannock Township High School: (43) Elizabeth Fritz, "Crescendo;" (44) Darah Semancik, "A Study of Architecture;" (45) Kristen Siwek, "Michael Stipe;" (46) Traci Wood, "Southern Exposure;"

Randolph High School: (47) Bijal Amin, "Untitled;" (48) Alex Katsov, "Diplomat;"

West Morris Central High School: (49) Russell Catalucci, "Domecile;"

Now, I'd like to list the honorable mentions in the contest, which, as you might imagine, Mr. Speaker, were very difficult to choose.

Alice Otchy for "Me in the Middle;" Tim Stettner for "Art Nehf;" Jon Colleran for "Chronic;" Pamela Schwartz for "Portrait of a Woman;" Alan Schenkler for "Sister;" Matt Kenam for "Untitled;" Darah Smancik for "A Study of Architecture;" and Alex Katsov for "Diplomat." These were exceptional works of art and I wish we had room for all of them in the Capitol.